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ADJUSTMENT METHODS THEREFOR, WITH MICROPHONE
DISPOSED OUTSIDE OF THE AUDITORY CANAL"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AL European Application 0 781 446
- AM European Application 0 396 831
- AN United Kingdom Application 2 184 629
- AO PCT Application WO 02/39784
- AP German OS 196 18 019
- AT "Overview of the Head-Related Transfer Functions (HRTFs)," Yang, ACS4988 Audio Engineering, Pennsylvania State University (2001)
- AU "Lokalisationsversuche für Virtuelle Realität mit einer 6-Mikrofonanordnung," Podlaszewski et al, DAGA 2001

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AL through AP were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application. References AT and AU were identified and discussed at page 3 of the present application.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

A translation of Reference AP is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language abstract is attached thereto. An English translation of Reference AU is not readily available to the Applicants, however, the aforementioned statements in the specification constitute a summary of its teachings.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

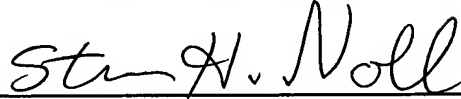
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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)								
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